

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting and Public Hearings held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on November 4, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
Sandra Smith, Councilwoman
Davie Knapp, Councilman
Thomas Bailey, Councilman
William McConnell, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Heidi Smith, Dodge Rd.

Supervisor Scammell called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk took the Roll. All present.

Councilwoman Smith led in the Pledge to the U.S. Flag.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept the October 25, 2004 Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the 2005 Coye Rd. Water District Assessment. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Scammell asked Tom Chartrand to give a recap of this.

Tom Chartrand said we are raising \$3,100. It's up slightly from last year. It's hydrant fees.

Supervisor Scammell said the bonding cost for the district is all done. This is for maintenance of the hydrants.

Tom Chartrand said every hydrant in the county gets charged to the town or city it's in. He thinks the basic charge is \$215.

Supervisor Scammell said this is OCWA water. If there were a break to the line or something like that, OCWA would fix it.

Tom Chartrand said yes. If they were going to add more lines, they would have to bond for the addition to the district. Originally the county went half on the district with the town.

Councilman Knapp said this is all for operating charges.

Councilman McConnell asked how many hydrants there are.

Tom Chartrand thinks there are about 6 or 7.

Councilman Knapp said this is broken down just for the people who participate in the district.

Tom Chartrand said correct. It's broken down for those residents.

Councilman Knapp asked about water usages.

Tom Chartrand said there's no separate water usage. They may pay water meter charges for their houses but this is just for hydrant fees.

Councilman Bailey said the hydrants aren't metered.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any other comments or questions. There were none.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the LaFayette Fire Dept. 2005 fire protection contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Scammell asked Tom Chartrand for a recap.

Tom Chartrand said the \$305,000 includes the capital and operating. \$30,000 for the Service Award Program. In 2003 we spent \$28,000 which we are right around this year. Workers Compensation is at \$33,000.

Councilman Knapp said he heard they received a \$30,000 grant for their radios.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any other comments or questions. There were none.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the Jamesville Fire District 2005 fire protection contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Chartrand said they requested \$40,000 and the Board agreed to \$37,000.

Councilman Knapp asked if they know this is what the Town is giving them.

Supervisor Scammell believes they do. He asked for any other questions or comments. There were none.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the 2005 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Scammell asked Tom Chartrand for a recap.

Tom Chartrand said the General Fund is at \$830,423, the Highway Fund is \$674,942 and the Library is \$123,070. These are all the items included in the general budget. The actual taxes to be raised are: General Fund \$417,842, Highway Dept. \$434,534 and the Library \$115,120. This includes everything. This is a 13 cent per thousand or a 2.24% increase.

Councilman Knapp asked if we know the snow plow contract amount yet.

Supervisor Scammell said \$4,600/mile with no fuel or salt increase.

Tom Chartrand said it's a one-year contract.

Councilman Knapp asked if he thought there would be any towns that won't do it.

Tom Chartrand said Otisco has said they won't but he doesn't know for sure yet.

Supervisor Scammell said one town said they are doing it but they will not be doing 3 of the roads. He thinks Otisco was looking at \$5,500 per mile as they feel that is their cost.

Councilman Knapp asked how come their cost is so much more?

Tom Chartrand said the roads they plow for the county are at the top of hills with a lot of open fields near them.

Supervisor Scammell said all the towns have different costs to do this.

Councilman Knapp said the cost might not be that bad but they have to do them more often.

Supervisor Scammell said another factor that comes into the negotiation is that the county receives about \$7,500/mile from the state for plowing the state roads. The towns want to know why they only get \$4,500 per mile. If the towns decide not to plow the roads, the resident's will be calling the town highway departments and not the county. Many of these roads in the case of LaFayette have to be traveled over anyway to get to our own roads.

Tom Chartrand said the Town of LaFayette plows the most of any of the towns he has.

Supervisor Scammell said Leon Cook said he is satisfied with this contract. Leon goes to most of the meetings on this.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any other questions or comments.

Councilman Bailey asked if the 2.24 % increase is caused by the law passed regarding the traffic fines not coming to the town.

Tom Chartrand said yes. We were at \$80,000 this year and we took it down to \$50,000 for next year.

Councilman Bailey said if that law gets repealed, we could see the \$30,000 to \$35,000 coming back to the town. What affect will that have on the 2.24%?

Tom Chartrand said nothing as you will have already collected the taxes.

Councilman Knapp said but it helps offset next years taxes. If we had that \$30,000, we would be at 0% increase.

Tom Chartrand said it would be a penny or two.

Tom Chartrand said the SOTS rates for this year will be: No service - \$5/year, 1 Bag - \$70/year, 3 Bags - \$155/year and Unlimited - \$200/year. There is an increase on the 1 bag and 3 bags of \$5. The contract will be in effect until June of 2007. The rate is subject to change each year.

Councilman McConnell asked what happens to the surplus at the end of the year.

Tom Chartrand said it stays within SOTS as unexpended surplus.

Councilman Knapp said it can be used to offset any increases down the road.

Supervisor Scammell thanked everyone for their hard work on this budget.

Tom Chartrand said it helped a lot with paying off the building this year.

Councilman McConnell said in the next quarterly newsletter, Supervisor Scammell might try to mention that the fines for speeding that the town would have gotten and will not be getting now is the reason for the 2.4% increase in the budget.

Supervisor Scammell said sure.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any other comments or questions. There were none

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to close the public hearing for the 2005 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Smith moved and Knapp seconded the motion to adopt the 2005 Coye Road Water District Assessment. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Aye
Councilwoman Smith	Aye
Councilman Knapp	Aye
Councilman Bailey	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept the 2005 LaFayette Fire Department Contract. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Aye
Councilwoman Smith	Aye
Councilman Knapp	Aye
Councilman Bailey	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept the 2005 Jamesville Fire Department Contract. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Aye
Councilwoman Smith	Aye
Councilman Knapp	Aye
Councilman Bailey	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to adopt the 2005 Town Budget. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Aye
Councilwoman Smith	Aye
Councilman Knapp	Aye
Councilman Bailey	Aye
Councilman McConnell	Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The Special Town Board Meeting closed at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk